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# Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Submission (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Action of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/672,090
Filing Date	September 26, 2003
First Named Inventor	Richard L. Dubay
Group Art Unit	1722
Examiner Name	Rao, G Nagesh
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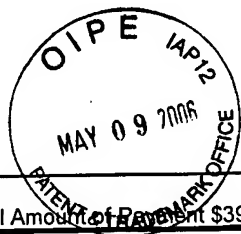
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes of Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
  - ☒ Previously submitted
    - ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 30, 2006 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
    - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
    - ☐ Other
  - ☐ Enclosed
    - ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - ☐ Other
- Miscellaneous
  - Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of     months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
  - ☐ Other
- Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed)
  - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0982.
    - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - ☐ Other
  - ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 395.00 enclosed

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### METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)

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### FEE CALCULATION

#### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Appn. Type	FILING FEE FEE/SMALL	SEARCH FEES FEE/SMALL	EXAM FEES FEE/SMALL	FEES
Utility	300 / 150	500 / 250	200 / 100	—
Design	200 / 100	100 / 50	130 / 65	—
Reissue	300 / 150	500 / 250	600 / 300	—
Provisional	200 / 100	-0- / -0-	-0- / -0-	—

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#### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Number Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee from Fee Paid Below
Total	—	—	— X	— = —
Indep.	—	—	— X	— = —
Multiple Dependent Claims				— = —

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Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Description
1202	50	2202	25	Claims in excess of 20
1201	200	2201	100	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	360	2203	180	Multiple Dependent Claim
1204	200	2204	100	Reissue Independent Claims Over Original Patent
1205	50	2205	25	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

#### 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 small) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 C.F.R. 1.16(s). \$-0-

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### FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

#### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath	—
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	—
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	—
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For Filing a Request for Reexamination	—
1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month	—
1252	450	2252	225	Extension for reply within second month	—
1253	1,020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month	—
1254	1,590	2254	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	—
1255	2,160	2255	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	—
1402	500	2402	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	—
1403	1,000	2403	500	Request for oral hearing	—
1814	130	2814	65	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	—
1452	500	2452	250	Petition to revive - unavoidable	—
1453	1,500	2453	750	Petition to revive - unintentional	—
1501	1,400	2501	700	Utility/Reissue issue fee	—
1502	800	2502	400	Design issue fee	—
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	—
1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	—
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	—
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	—
1801	790	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	395
Other fee (specify) _____					—

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Title : VACUUM AND VENT BLOCK FOR USE  
WITH MOLDING AND CASTING  
SYSTEMS

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Respectfully submitted,

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